

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A cervical collar for restricting the motion of the head and neck of an immobilized trauma patient and for simultaneously opening and maintaining the airways in the head and neck of an immobilized trauma of said patient and for ~~simultaneously restricting the motion of the head and neck while~~ by allowing motion of the ~~said jaw in a forward direction and restricting backward motion of said jaw to maintain open said airways~~ relative to the neck of said patient, said cervical collar comprising:

- (a) a rigid motion-restricting frame ~~to be attached~~ attachable to the head for restricting the motion of the head in relation to the rest of the body of ~~the~~ said patient, and
- (b) a jaw clasp attachable to the jaw of ~~the~~ said patient,
- (c) a restrictor member for restricting the distance and the motion of said jaw clasp relative to said rigid motion-restricting frame; and
- (d) a lock member preventing backward motion of said jaw clasp relative to said rigid motion-restricting frame,

wherein said cervical collar is adapted for restricting the motion of the head and neck, while simultaneously maneuvering said ~~jaw clasps attached to the jaw by way of~~ said jaw clasp, said restrictor member and said lock member, in a forward and slightly downward direction such that airway maintenance with cervical spin control is provided.

17-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The cervical collar according to claim ~~18~~16, wherein the restrictor member limits the distance between the rigid motion-restricting frame and the jaw clasp.

20. (Currently Amended) The cervical collar according to claim ~~18~~16, wherein the restrictor member limits the direction of motion between the rigid motion-restricting frame and the jaw clasp.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The cervical collar according to claim 16, wherein said rigid motion-restricting frame is formed of one collar wrapped around the head and neck.

23. (Currently Amended) The cervical collar according to claim 16, wherein said rigid motion-restricting frame is formed of several parts connected together and arranged to fit a any specific-patient.

24-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The cervical collar according to claim 16, additionally comprising a chin lift collar having a holding point that is the chin, gum, or any other member of an oral cavity of said patient; said chin lift collar is adapted to hold the chin

and push the chin anteriorly while the chin is being supported on the sternal bone, the maxilla, or the zygoma, or any other part of the chin lift collar.

28-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) A method for performing a device aided jaw-thrust maneuver on a patient that is immobilized with a cervical collar, said method comprising:

a. providing a cervical collar comprising: (i) a rigid motion-restricting frame attachable to the head for restricting the motion of the head in relation to the rest of the body of said patient, (ii) a jaw clasp attachable to the jaw of said patient, (iii) a restrictor member for restricting the distance and the direction of motion of said jaw clasp relative to said rigid motion-restricting frame, and (iv) a lock member preventing backward motion of said jaw clasp relative to said rigid motion-restricting frame;

ab. immobilizing-restricting the motion of the head and neck ~~the head of of~~ the said patient via the rigid motion-restricting frame;

bc. clasping an external portion of the jaw by means of a cervical collar
said jaw clasp; and;

ed. maneuvering said jaw via said jaw clasp in a ~~elaped jaw~~ forward and slightly downward in the manner that airway maintenance with cervical spin control is provided;

e. simultaneously restricting the distance in the direction of motion of said jaw clasp relative to said rigid motion-restricting frame by said restrictor member; and

f. simultaneously preventing backward motion of said jaw clasp relative to said rigid motion-restricting frame by said lock member;

wherein said steps (b)-(f) restrict the motion of the head and neck of said patient while simultaneously maintaining open the airway of said patient.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 38, wherein said cervical collar is adapted for maintaining open airways in the head and neck of ~~an~~the immobilized trauma patient and for simultaneously restricting the motion of the head and neck while allowing motion of the jaw to maintain open said airways, and said cervical collar comprises:

- (a) a rigid motion-restricting frame to be attached to the head for restricting the motion of the head in relation to the rest of the body of the patient, and
 - (b) a jaw clasp attachable to the jaw of the patient,
- wherein said collar is adapted for restricting the motion of the head and neck, while simultaneously maneuvering said jaw clasps attached to the jaw, in a forward and slightly downward direction such that airway maintenance with cervical spin control is provided.

41. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 38, comprising:

- a. fitting a first part of said cervical collar;
- b. fitting a second part of said cervical collar;
- c. fitting a third part of said cervical collar; and,
- d. using said third part to perform a jaw-thrust maneuver.

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42. (Cancelled)